

North-West (Rice Lake) *Build Wisconsin* Regional Workshop Small Group Record

Small Group _____Single Red_____ (color)

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Top 10 responses to the question: “What can the State do to foster economic growth in your region?”

Priority response #1 (votes: __7__)

Provide education/training to incumbent workers

Priority response #2 (votes: __6__)

Support mature industries with incentives for modernization

Priority response #3 (votes: __5__)

Revisit state tax structure

Priority response #4 (votes: __4__)

Provide incentives for venture capital financing – angel networks

Priority response #5 (votes: __3__)

Acknowledge agriculture as a viable economic development industry

Priority response #6 (votes: __2__)

Change public attitude towards growth

Priority response #7 (votes: __2__)

Eliminate barriers to responsible mining

Priority response #8 (votes: __2__)

Analyze economic development system (i.e. County Corporations, Planning Commissions, etc.)

Priority response #9 (votes: __2__)

Accelerate technology transfer from UW to rural northern WI

Priority response #10 (votes: __2__)

Allocate resources for affordable housing

“Actions Necessary to Achieve our Ideas” Exercise

“If we want to accomplish this [priority issue #1], what does “the State” (as defined earlier) have to do now?”

Priority Issue #1 Provide education/training to incumbent workers

Responses to the question: “If we want to accomplish this [priority issue], what does “the State” (as defined earlier) have to do now?”

- Support higher education individualized distance delivery model
- Maximize articulation partnerships between education providers
- Tax credits to companies providing tuition reimbursement
- Tax credits to individuals taking work enhancement classes
- Expanding education telecommunication infrastructure

Priority Issue #2 Support mature industries with incentives for modernization

- Support virtual and physical clustering of business and industry sectors
- State should be a conduit for information dissemination
- State should work on bonding high tech with mature industries, i.e. agric./bio-tech
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Priority Issue #3 Revisit state tax structure

- Study value added tax
- Modify sales tax exemptions’
- Modify property tax
- Modify income tax to attract people